

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMUNITY FORUMS - GOVERNMENT THEME

	Slingerlands	Selkirk	South Bethlehem	Delmar	Glenmont	North Bethlehem	Elsmere
	11/29/2018	12/13/2018	1/10/2019	1/30/2019	3/7/2019	3/14/2019	3/21/2019
	4 groups, 38 people total	2 groups, 17 people total	4 groups, 59 people total	4 groups, 51 people total	4 groups, 42 people total	2 groups, 17 people total	3 groups, 29 people total
Town Business & Processes	<p>Vision for improved communication with developers, communication with County. Concerned about taxes being too high. Opportunity to look at larger traffic in and out of Bethlehem. Opportunity to explore historic district - recommendations for regulations. Opportunity for signage about slingerlands history, bural vault. Questioned: why the historic district is the size it is, why some areas left out.</p>		<p>Vision for improved communication with/in S. Bethlehem (2), town should host community meetings. Vision for changes to happen based on Comp. Plan. Vision for more flexibility in by-right uses in zoning law- more small businesses, make it easier for small businesses. Concerned that zoning is not appropriate for small businesses, that Residential "A" does not fit the context of the area, that permitting process burdensome. Concerned about S.B. being neglected (stepchild) and having lack of influence (3). Concerned that after this Comp Plan they will still be overlooked. Concern about disregard/ respect for property rights. Concerned about valuation, tax rates on small farms. Concerned about MED zoning. Opportunity for town/plan/zoning to recognize differences in different areas of town. Opportunity to reduce agriculture taxes. Opportunity for senior services. Opportunity to ensure that zoning enables/is flexible enough for small grocery, pub, neighborhood center (context sensitive). Opportunity to recognize landowner rights. Opportunity to link amenities to town website.</p>	<p>Likes town services (4). Likes the library (3). Likes senior services (2). Likes progressive government. Vision for connecting electeds with PB members. Vision for town's PDD process cut back. Concerned about the Hamlet- don't understand. Concerned that taxes limit the town's diversity. Concerned about taxes for vacant land. Concerned about PB accountability and due process. Concerned about taxes. Concerned about PDDs. Concerned about reducing value of land. Opportunity for tax structure for elderly folks. Opportunity for a community-driven Comp Plan and public communication. Opportunity for town to be aggressive with grants. Opportunity for strategic planning for long-term groth to ensure a well designed community. Opportunity to be a regional/national leader in applying for and winning grants.</p>	<p>Likes the town services. Likes the emergency services. Vision for site plan enforcement. Vision for better communication- town wide email and town wide alerts. Concerned that Glenmont feels like a second cousin to Bethlehem. Concerned about [code] variances. Concerned about other things, not just development. Concerned about density driven approach to public infrastructure and services.</p>	<p>Likes town reputation. Vision for enforcement of yard waste laws. Vision for development activity notices to residents. Vision for shared services. Concerned about gateway sign removal. Concerned about town communication with residents. Concerend about easement issues and maintenance off Russel Rd. Opportunity for access to town services- compost, mulch- at satellite locations such as N. Bethlehem Park. Opportunity to educate residents about tax base - 80%, have a voice.</p>	<p>Likes Albany waterline. Vision for a balanced tax base. Vision for better planning, including external costs. Vision that comprehensive plan zoning is kept, esp. with PDD (and the original intent of zonning). Vision for townwide campaign about planting trees, native species. Concerned about lack of zoning enforcement. Concerned about zoning and PDDs. Opportunity in waterline. Opportunity to work with waste haulers to change trash pick up dates to keep schoolkids safe walking to school. (copy)</p>